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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

ATTENTION : Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division
THROUGH : Chief, Materiel Branch, DPD-DD/P
SUBJECT : Disposition of Electronics Building at Wiesbaden
Air Base, Germany

1. On 21 October 1959 the Chief of Administration, EE Division, and the Chief of Support for the German Mission raised with the Development Projects Division the question of proper disposition of the electronics building at Wiesbaden Y-80 which was formerly occupied by personnel in support of the European Air Operations Branch (EAOB) prior to the movement of that unit to DPD control and to Eglin Air Force Base.

2. As I recall, CIA expended funds in the neighborhood of \$250,000 several years ago to convert this building to Agency use in connection with the air activities of EAOB. At present, the building is being utilized by the 7499th Support Group under Colonel Ralph D. Steakley, USAF, who is Assistant for Special Reconnaissance, DCS/OPS, USAFE, for the purpose for which it was designed, namely, electronics read out. The German Mission is not certain what responsibility, if any, it has for the maintenance and control of this structure. This matter has apparently come into sharp focus recently based upon a request by Headquarters, USAFE, to improve at their expense by modification the electric power supply to this particular structure. German Mission disposition, I understand, is to concur in the proposed modification, but they have requested the guidance of this Division in determining the future of this building.

3. As far as DPD is concerned, it does not anticipate a requirement for the continued maintenance of this structure. It is my understanding that Federal law prohibits the transfer of any monetary credits, which might otherwise accrue to CIA as a result of giving this building up to the Air Force, to support of other Agency activities elsewhere. We had

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hoped for a time to obtain a dollar credit for this structure so that these funds could be utilized to support construction requirements at Eglin Air Force Base.

4. I should like to request, therefore, that Office of Logistics either advise us of the proper course of action to obtain relief from the responsibility of maintaining this structure, or designate a representative, presumably from Real Estate and Construction Division, to sit down with the Chief of the Materiel Branch, DPD, and the Chief of Administration, EE Division, to discuss recommended courses of action.

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